

Friends of the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges  
March 15, 2022 Board Meeting

Members Present: President Debbie Meeks, Peg Hall, Debbie Jordan, Ed DeHaan, Ginessa Mahar, Denise Feiber, Jay Bushnell, Joe Hand, Boyd Kimball, Linda Kimball, Dan Kline, John Thalacker, Paul Ramey, Travis Thomas, John McPherson

Guests: Robin Gallup (volunteer)

Representing the Refuge: Andrew Gude

The meeting was called to order at 10am by President Debbie Meeks.

Refuge Manager Andrew Gude gave a short refuge report:

Three large trees were cut on Seahorse Key.

Fishbone Creek is still closed.

Barnett Creek is still closed (culvert).

Checking on having a larger than 50 meeting.

Minutes and agenda approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Linda Kimball reported a bank balance of \$3663.52, zero in PayPal, money market unchanged since January. Treasurer's report was accepted by voice vote.

A motion was made to retain the current three signatories on bank accounts. Motion passed by voice vote.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to plans for the April 2 annual meeting.

Discussion of outdoor event-agreed to set up as usual. Rules currently say events with over 50 must either be vaccinated or have a negative test. This will be on honor system.

There was a lengthy discussion of whether to require tickets (free but required). After lengthy discussion, the group agreed not to require tickets.

Food will be for 100 people, from Kenny as usual.

Peg has arranged porta-potties and wash stations with Jones Septic.

There will be no formal Vista tour but people are welcome to walk on their own.

Board members will donate desserts, drinks will be purchased.

There will not be a Friday setup, board members are asked to arrive at 8:30 am for setup.

Merchandise will be brought to the meeting by the members who hold inventory, will be held after meeting for Art Festival the following weekend, staged at John Thalacker's home.

There was a discussion about selling Butterfly books online. Can't be sold at Chamber of Commerce.

Short discussion of March 26 Suwannee coastal cleanup. Quick agreement that we have too much on our plate for group participation, although individuals are welcome to do so.

Friends do not yet own the Vista boat. It was in Richie's name, hence now part of his estate. A discussion of how to sell did not reach a firm conclusion.

The meeting adjourned shortly before noon.